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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **First day of issue, 23 October 2008: "Climate Change" stamps and prestige booklets and 2008 annual collection folders**

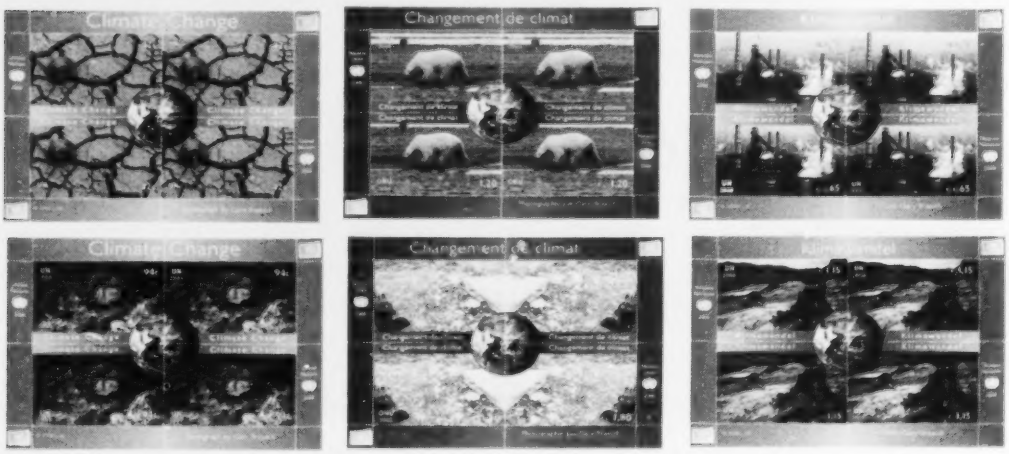
Commemorative stamps

1. On Thursday, 23 October 2008, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and three prestige booklets on the theme "Climate Change".

2. The stamps were designed by award-winning photographer and journalist Gary Braasch, who has done extensive research and is an expert on the topic. His comprehensive book on climate change, *Earth Under Fire: How Global Warming Is Changing the World*, can be purchased along with the stamps through UNPA.

3. The stamps, in a mini sheet format of four stamps on each sheet, will be issued in the denominations of $0.42, $0.94, SwF 1.20, SwF 1.80, €0.65 and €1.15.

(United States equivalents: SwF 1.20: $1.15; SwF 1.80: $1.72; €0.65: $1.01 and €1.15: $1.79, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



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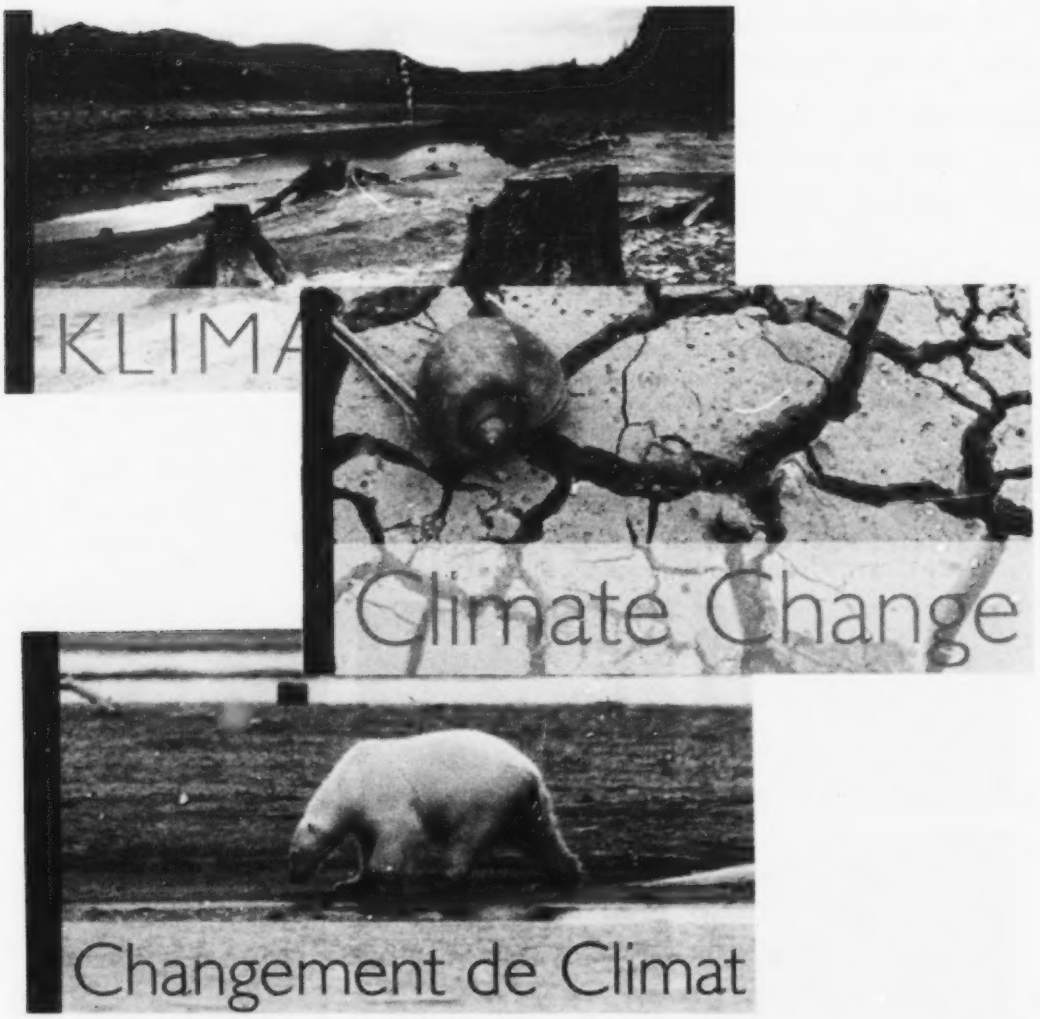
Prestige booklets

4. Also on 23 October 2008, UNPA will issue three prestige booklets on the theme "Climate Change", which contain 16 pages of colourful photographs and illustrations, together with detailed information about the subject matter, and 6 pages of four stamps each, for a total of 24 mint stamps in either United States dollar, Swiss franc or euro denominations. The booklets are priced at $9.00, SwF 10.20 and €7.80.

(United States equivalents: SwF 10.20: $9.76 and €7.80: $12.13, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



2008 annual collection folders

5. The New York, Geneva and Vienna annual collection folders of single mint stamps and souvenir sheets issued in 2008 will also be released on Thursday, 23 October 2008. It should be noted that the 2008 Endangered Species series stamps and the 2008 Coin and Flag series stamps **will not** be included in the individual New York, Geneva or Vienna annual collection folders. They are contained in their own separate albums, previously issued in March and May 2008, respectively.

General information

6. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 23 October, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) A temporary sales counter located on the east side of the Secretariat lobby in front of the windows between the cafeteria and the news-stand, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

8. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://unstamps.un.org.